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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LANGUAGE ON KOREA IN US-JAPAN

JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 6.

QUOTE:

THEY AGREED THAT THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, WHICH IN TURN IS NECESSARY FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN EAST ASIA, INCLUDING JAPAN. THEY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAINTAINING AND PRESERVING THAT PEACE. AT THE SAME TIME THEY STRONGLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH WOULD PROCEED IN ORDER TO EASE TENSIONS AND EVENTUALLY TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. IN CONNECTION WITH THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL CONCERNED WOULD RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE NOW IN EFFECT. UNQUOTE

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